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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

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Dear fellow Wisconsinite,

You are receiving this letter because of your service on a state board or commission. Governor Walker nominated you to serve and the Senate confirmed your appointment in the December 2018 extraordinary session. Extraordinary sessions are a way for the Legislature to call itself into a floor period when it hasn't pre-scheduled a floor day.

As you are probably aware, on March 21, 2019, a Dane County judge decided any and all actions taken in the December 2018 extraordinary session are invalid. That means the same Dane County judge has decided your confirmation cannot stand. The Republican-controlled Legislature immediately asked the higher court to put a hold on this ruling. Unfortunately, Governor Evers acted ahead of the higher court's decision and rescinded all appointments confirmed in December, including yours.

I am extremely frustrated by the Governor's actions and imagine you are, as well. I warned Governor Evers' staff that rescinding these appointments while the case is pending in the higher court was a bad idea. He moved ahead anyway.

These decisions have created instability within your boards and commissions. The Legislature is fighting, and will continue to fight, this issue in the courts. I believe each and every appointment and confirmation was valid and the courts will ultimately rule in our favor. In the meantime, I ask for your patience while this matter makes its way through the legal system.

Finally, I would personally like to thank you for your service to Wisconsin and hope that this experience will not sour you on continuing your commitment to the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Fitzgerald".

Senator Scott Fitzgerald

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